



Montgomery County

Department of Liquor Control

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Legislative Alert

The following legislation took effect July 1, 2015, unless otherwise noted.

- HB-88 (Chapter 61) – Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable wine container permit for off-premise consumption. The permit is available to licensees with off-premise authority. There is no charge for this permit.
- HB-89 (Chapter 62) – Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a class BD-Beer, Wine and Liquor license. The license provides for beer and wine to be sold off-premise and for beer, wine and liquor to be consumed on premise. Food and alcohol ratios of 40/60 apply until 9:00 pm. The license holder may also hold a class 7 Micro-Brewery license issued by the State Comptroller. Hours are from 10:00 am – 2:00 am daily for on premise consumption and 6:00 am – 1:00 am for off premise sales. The annual license fee is \$3,500.
- HB- 90 and SB-426 – Alters alcohol license residency requirements from requiring at least one person on the license to be a Montgomery County resident, for the preceding two years, to allowing a resident of the State, for the preceding two years, to meet the requirement.
- HB-91 (Chapter 63) – For the town of Laytonsville, alters the license class that may be issued from two class H-Beer and Wine licenses to two class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor licenses. Also repeals a prohibition on pool and billiard tables, shuffleboard and dart boards, video games and pinball machines on license premises.
- HB-92 (Chapter 64) – Repeals a prohibition to allow the State Comptroller to issue a one day charity wine auction permit in Montgomery County. The fee is \$10.

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Legislation Continued...

- HB-93 (Chapter 65) – Creates an exemption for the distance requirements for a license to be set back from a church or school when a one day class C license is issued for a church or school. This law takes effect October 1, 2015.
- HB-95 (Chapter 66) – Creates a limited exemption in Gaithersburg for a class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license to be issued that meets certain minimum distance requirements from a church.
- HB-202 (Chapter 77) – Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a class D, Beer and Wine license, allowing on and off premise consumption, to the holder of a State class 3 Winery license provided the winery does not produce more than 20,000 gallons of wine per year.
- HB-316 (Chapter 85) – Removes a Takoma Park license designation from current licenses and provides for those licenses to be renewed or transferred to the general County license equivalent.
- SB-643 (HB 330) – Allows for the holder of a class 7 Micro-brewery license to obtain a second class 7 Micro-brewery license for another premise. Gallonage limits still apply.
- SB-937 (HB-1288) – Prohibits the sale of alcohol of beverages that are sold in powder or crystalline form for direct use in combination with water or any other substance, with penalty. Effective June 1, 2015 with a sunset provision for June 30, 2016.
- HB-64 – Repeals a time limit within which a court may affirm, modify or reverse a decision by a local Board of License Commissioners.
- HB-526 – Creates a non-profit beer festival permit to be issued by the Board of License Commissioners. The primary purpose of the festival is to promote Maryland beer. The festival may be up to three days in length. The permit allows for both on and off premise consumption of beer. The permit fee is \$100.

Reduced Packaged, Special Order Beer Pricing

Montgomery County's Department of Liquor Control (DLC) has announced that as of July 1, 2015, the markup on wholesale packaged special order beer products has been reduced by 28.5% of the original markup. This change will allow licensed businesses to purchase special order beers, typically more obscure beers from smaller breweries, at lower prices and will help satisfy current consumer trends. The wholesale markup on special order beer is now consistent with the markup on special order wine, which was reduced a few years ago.



Bulletin Board

Alcohol Awareness Trainings: All alcohol licensed establishments are required by state law to have a state approved alcohol awareness certified person (licensee or person employed in a supervisory capacity) on the licensed premise during all hours in which the business is open to the public.

Alcohol Awareness Trainers:

Alcohol Awareness Course (AP-36218)
(English/Spanish)
Contact: John S. Murray
410-553-8927, jmurrayaa@aol.com

Maryland Hospitality Education Foundation (MHEF)
BEST Training (AP-36224)
Contact: Sonia Nieves (English/Spanish)
240-477-0301, soniab13@hotmail.com
Contact: LaDeanna Wentzel
(English/Spanish/Hindi)
1-800-874-1313, LaDeanna@ramef.org

GOOD Program (AP-36240)
Contact: Grace Lee
703-309-0281, primechoicellc@yahoo.com

EMI Services, Management Services (AP-45145)
(English/Spanish)
Contact: Norm Neverson
301-961-5690/202-882-7175
neverson1@juno.com

Maryland TAM, Inc., Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association (MSLBA) - Education Resource (AP-36236)
Contact: Jane Springer
410-876-3424/800-921-1382, mdtam@msn.com

Prevention Through Education (PTE) (AP-51244)
Contact: Howard Walsh
301-602-8721 or 240-277-6477,
walshhoward@hotmail.com

TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) (AP-40748)
Contact: Jean Bignell
1-800-438-8477, bignellj@gettips.com
Contact: Susan Hayes (English/Spanish)
240-367-7482, fivetop@aol.com
Contact: Viliam Kotlarik or Jennifer Lehman
202-331-5990, training@ramw.org
Contact: Lisa Tessicini
443-623-0267, Tipstams@gmail.com

ALERT CLASSES

DLC offers a **FREE** Alcohol Law Education and Regulatory Training (**ALERT**) twice a month to County licensees and staff.

This class compliments the state certified classes.

For more information or to register, please call 240-777-1999 or email dlc@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Upcoming State Certified Classes in Montgomery County, MD

Alcohol Awareness Course/John S. Murray
Call 410-553-8927 to register for the following course or to set up a class (\$75 pp)
Tuesday, August 25th at 2:00 pm
Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854

For a complete listing of certified instructors, please visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dlc and click on Training under Licensure, Regulation and Education.

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